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My name is Michael Badnarik, and I am testifying FOR HB2338. I'm here representing the 189 men who fought and died at the Alamo, and 27 million of my freedom loving, fellow Texans.

I am here, not only as a concerned Texan, but also as an expert witness on the Constitution. I have studied the federal Constitution for 35 years. I created, and have presented an 8hr class on the Constitution for 20 years. I was the 2004 Libertarian nominee for President of the United States, and the 2006 Libertarian Congressional nominee for Texas District 10. I was elected President of the Continental Congress of 2009, wherein three delegates from each state convened for eleven days to generate a 65 page list of Constitutional violations called "The Articles of Freedom".

I tell the students in my Constitution class that most of what the government does is unconstitutional. Most people consider my statement to be hyperbole or exaggeration... until I point out that the Federal Reserve is an unconstitutional, private corporation that violates Article I, Section 8, clause 6 which explicitly requires Congress to "To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States". Clause 11 demands that Congress declare war before hostilities with another country are commenced. The last time they did that was prior to WWII. Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Iraq, Iran, and Afganistan are a small list of unconstitutional military interventions the United States has taken.

HB2338 is well intentioned. It recognized that per the Tenth Amendment, the powers delegated to the federal government are limited by superior state authority. I applaud the legislature for taking this bold step, however I feel that Texas should go even farther. With the probability of a world-wide financial collapse, and the grim possibility of the start of war with Russia and Korea, I think it is time for Texas to once again, declare its independence as a separate nation.

I don't have time to elaborate on that idea during this testimony, however I would like this subcommittee to know that I have produced a one-hour PowerPoint presentation that convincingly establishes that secession – also known as independence – is moral, legal, commonplace, desirable, and very, very possible in Texas. I would be happy to schedule a time to make that presentation to this committee at their convenience.

Thank you.